(c) The names of the stations where Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) have been installed are Bhopal, Habibganj, Howrah, Mumbai Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus Nagpur, New Delhi and Pune.The Banks with whom agreement has been entered into are State Bank of India, HSBC, ICICI and Citi Bank.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of special bogies

†393. SHRIJHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Willi the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are formulating any scheme to manufacture special type of bogies, keeping in view the security of passengers during accidents.

(b) if so, the kind of security that can be provided at the time of accident to passengers with the help of these bogies and the target fixed for providing facilities to passengers with the help of such bogies, alongwith the number of bogies to be made available; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Department in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Firstly, coach interiors and fitting will be modified to prevent injury to passengers during normal use and in case of accidents. Secondly, the coach body shall be redesigned to absorb major part of impact in case of serious accidents in non-passenger-carrying areas thereby, minimizing risk of serious injuries to passengers inside the coach.

Modification for improvement to the interiors have also been adopted for incorporating in new coaches and also for retrofitment in the existing coaches. Such modified coaches will be inducted gradually into the fleet as a continuous process. No target can be assigned for complete implementation of these modifications at this stage. Also development of crashworthy design of coach bodies is in a preliminay stage. It is not practicable to assign any target for induction of such coaches or number of coaches to be manufactured at this stage.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The following steps have been taken by the railway to improve crashworthiness of coaches:

(i) An inter-Railway coach competition was held to generate innovative ideas for improvement of coach interiors and fittings to make them injury free. Based on short listed innovations. 51 modification have been adopted for incorporating on new coaches and retrofitment on existing ones.

(ii) A project has been initiated to develop crashworthy coach bodies through computer simulation which will be validated by actual crash tests.

(iii) Design of coach body for change over from screw coupling to centre buffer type coupler with anti climbing feature to prevent coaches from riding on one another in case of accidents is also being developed for new generated coaches.

Electricity for Railways from SEBs

† 394. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway have to purchase electricity worth approximately 4500 crores of rupees from the State Electricity Boards, to run electric trains and, this electricity is sold to Railways on high price.

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the State Electricity Boards are not paying even the coal transportation charges to the railways;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the effective steps being taken by Government to overcome the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. Railways have purchased electricity worth Rs. 3568 crores during the year 2001 -2002 for running electric trains. The State Electricity Boards are selling electricity to Railways at prices, even higher than their cost of supply at Extra High Tension (EHT).

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